year is permitted to retain the quarters on payment of usual licence fee (rent) till the end of that academic year, provided the incoming Government servant is not inconvenienced for want of accommodation.

RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR G. Os. AND N. G. Os. IN BELGAUM.

599. Sri P. A. PAWASHE (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of residential quarters constructed by Government for Gazetted and non-Gazetted Officers at Belgaum;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that some quarters for gazetted and non-gazetted officers have been constructed near the Deputy Commissioner's residence at Belgaum about a year back;

(*c*) if so, whether these quarters have been allotted to the officers for use;

(*d*) if not, the reason for keeping these quarters vacant?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNA SWAMY (Minister for Education) [on behalf of Sri H. M. Channabasappa (Minister for Public Works and Electricity)]:—

(*a*) The number of quarters constructed under General Pool is 15 for Gazetted Officers and 130 for non-Gazetted Officers (This is exclusive of those constructed for a particular departments out of the funds earmarked for the concerned Department).

(*b*) Yes, 148 quarters have been constructed by the Karnataka Housing Board, but not completed in all respects.

(*c*) Out of 148 quarters constructed, only 6 quarters have been occupied.

(*d*) The quarters have not yet been taken over by P.W.D.

Sri P. A. PAWASHE.—May I know the officer who is authorised to allot residential quarters? What is the procedure?

‡M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—At the District level it is the Deputy Commissioner and at the division level it is the Divisional Commissioner who is the chairman of the committees. They are following a set of rules. The details are given in the answer. There are rules and those rules are in the form of instructions given from time to time in keeping with the needs of officers who are subject to transfers.

Sri P. A. PAWASHE.—It is said that there are no rules. May I know whether the government is thinking training rules in this connection so as not to cause very inconvenience.

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—No inconvience is caused. There are official memoranda and instructions given to the officers from time to time.

Sri P. A. PAWASHE.—It is said that 148 quarters have been constructed. May I know when the construction was started and why they are not completed ?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—Constructions were started about two years ago.

Sri P. A. PAWASHE.—May I know why there is such a long delay to complete the constructions ?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—It is because of economy order. Recently we have sanctioned Rs. 4 lakhs for the completion of incompleted works and the buildings will be ready.

Sri P. A. PAWASHE.—At present the existing quarters at Belgaum are not sufficient to accommodate all officers. Will the Government take up construction of some more quarters ?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—It is under consideration.

ENERGISING OF I.P. SETS IN RAMANAGARAM TALUK

604. Sri B. PUTTASWAMIAH (Ramanagaram).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government are aware that Electricity Board has not taken up many sanctioned works regarding drawing of electric lines for energising Irrigation Pump Sets in Ramanagaram Taluk, Bangalore District for want of required materials ;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that this is causing hardship to agriculturists ;

(*c*) if so, the steps taken by Government to mitigate the hardships ?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Education) [on behalf of Sri H. M. Channabasappa (Minister for Public Works and Electricity)] :—

(*a*) The sanctioned line works for energising Irrigation Pump Sets are being taken up by the Board, though the progress on the works has been hampered due to acute shortage of essential materials.